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Air India Losses due to Natural Calamities
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has incurred losses due to closure of air space in countries where natural calamities like earthquake, volcano etc. are a common occurrence;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has provided any assistance to the airlines during the said period to make good/ compensate for the losses suffered by them due to such natural calamities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b) : At times of natural calamities the flights are cancelled due to closure of air space. The airline also does not prefer to operate the flight in such circumstances as the aircraft would unnecessarily get diverted to an alternate location and the cost would be higher. The passenger are
sent back and transported only when the flights resume. In case passenger wish to cancel their journey refunds are made. No separate data is kept of losses incurred due to such occurrence.

(c) & (d) : Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.